

### Rationale

In 2020, the Director General endorsed the new Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools Policy. For the purposes of this policy, 'mobile phones' includes smart watches, other electronic communication devices, and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds.



**“Off and away all day”** includes before school and at break times.

### Overview

Mobile phones and personal electronic devices are important modern day communication tools. As with many technologies there are numerous benefits but also some hidden risks. Mobile phones and personal electronic devices must be managed effectively in the school environment to ensure the privacy and safety of students and staff.

Should students need to contact parents, this must be done through school telephones under supervision. It is essential that all communication between students and anyone outside the school, during the school day be made with full knowledge of the school.

The school's stance on the use of mobile phones and personal electronic devices by students is that they should not be brought to school and under no circumstances are they to be used during school hours or during school activities by students.

### Procedures

If parents believe their child requires access to a mobile phone or personal electronic device for safety, security or emergency purposes, they will need to complete the below form. Once permission is granted, the mobile phone or personal electronic device is only to be used before and/or afterschool for the purpose agreed to by the school and parents.

**Mobile phones MUST BE TURNED OFF and handed in to the front office before school. At the end of the day, they can be collected by students at 3:00pm.**

- The school does not accept responsibility for any theft, loss or damage of mobile phones or devices.
- Students misusing personal mobiles/devices at school or causing a nuisance will be brought to the attention of the principal and the parent(s) of the student will be informed. Parent(s) of the student may collect the phone at their convenience.
- While at school, students are the responsibility of school staff and DoE. Any instances that require emergency contact with parents **MUST** be through the appropriate staff member or a member of administration who will make the appropriate call to parents/carers.

### BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL PERMISSION FOR STUDENT TO BRING MOBILE PHONES OR PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES ONTO THE SCHOOL SITE

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for student having mobile phone/smart watch at school:

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I agree to the conditions outlined in the schools Mobile Phone Policy.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

